

Vermont Daily Transcript.

ST. ALBANS, VT.:
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1868.

Fetianism on the Vermont Frontier.

Under the above head a special correspondent of the Montreal Daily News gives his personal observations and his impressions concerning Fenianism, and the probabilities of a movement against Canada. The same gentleman also visited Plattsburgh, Malone, Ogdensburg, etc., and took a look at the situation from each point. The News, by the way, has not been of the frightened class of Canadian papers, and does not "give to airy nothings" all the importance which some of its neighbors have sometimes done. As the correspondence from this place will be of interest to all our readers, we give it entire.

ST. ALBANS, July 6th, 1868.

There is much less talk of Fenian movements here than on the Canadian side. Whatever the cut-throat Brotherhood may be doing, or intending to do, they keep it a secret. The mass of the Fenians themselves, I am convinced, know very little of the real intentions of the leading spirits. They are extremely reticent, and are as suspicious of the American as of the Canadian authorities. Consequently, it is exceedingly difficult to arrive at any decided opinion respecting Fenian movements. All I can do is to point out certain indications of their movements, and relate certain facts which have come within my knowledge, from which your readers can draw their own conclusions. First, then, it is a fact that there is now, and has been for the last few days, an unusual commotion among the "Brethren-hood." What the nature or extent of that commotion is I cannot say—whether it means a real raid on Canada, or is only a feint with a view to enhance the success of an actual raid on the pockets of chamber-maids and bod-carriers, or whether it means anything at all or not, are questions which I am also unable to answer. The Fenians may be deceived by their leaders on this occasion, as they have frequently been on former occasions, but that there is an unusual stir amongst them just now, and that they expect a speedy move of some kind, is sure. Military drill, to a certain extent, has been carried on in this neighborhood of late. Squads of Irishmen without arms have been observed drilling in the evening in an unfrequented place near this town. I have been unable to learn whether this drill is carried on regularly. The place is quite retired. The few farmers who live there are Irish, and there might be a regular evening drill there without attracting general attention. In fact, the majority of Americans in this vicinity pay no attention to what the Fenians may be doing, and are utterly indifferent about the matter. Fenian officers, who have never been seen in St. Albans since the last raid, have turned up within the last week, staying a day or two at St. Albans then going on to Malone, and other places of Fenian notoriety. The results of these mysterious visits are of course unknown, further than the fact of their being followed by unusual commotion among the "Brethren," to which allusion has already been made. I have received some additional information respecting the Fenian arms lately removed from St. Albans. Some of these were sent South to Troy, and there secretly distributed among the Fenians, but the most of them were taken by night in farmers' wagons into the hilly country east of St. Albans, inhabited almost wholly by Irish. The most of these arms are known as the Harper's Ferry musket, somewhat improved, but are, I learn, greatly inferior to the breech-loaders used by the United States troops and the Canadian volunteers. Learning that a little village called Fairfield Centre, situated about eight or ten miles east of St. Albans, was one of the hot-beds of Fenianism in this State, and, moreover, the place to which some of the arms were supposed to be taken, I determined to pay it a personal visit, with a view of learning what I could from observation, and from conversation with the people. Accordingly, on Saturday afternoon, I started, and after a rough ride over an exceedingly high hill, almost worthy the name of mountain, and winding around two or three smaller elevations, I reached Fairfield Centre. It consists of a little two-story frame tavern, two stores, one of which included a post office, three dwelling houses and a Catholic Chapel. The region round about is undulating and picturesque. The predominant population is Roman Catholic Irish. Very little grain is raised; butter, cheese and wool are the staple products. Haying had just commenced, and laboring being scarce, the farmers were very busy. They chiefly depend upon French Canadian laborers for assistance during the busy summer months, but this summer the demand for laborers is greater than the supply. It would require a strong inducement or a strange infatuation to make these men leave their farms to engage in the wild-goose chase of invading Canada. But all their sympathies are with the Fenians, and they would readily grant them assistance in the way of concealing arms, supplying them with provisions, or in any other way that would not involve the necessity of their leaving their farms, shouldering a rifle, and marching to the front. Sunday afternoon some thirty at the tavern, lounging on the benches under the piazzas, talking of business and politics, and occasionally making a remark about Fenianism, though it seemed to me that subject was studiously avoided. One young man, taking a stool into the middle of the road, and planting himself on it, called on "Mike" in gentle accents to perform the office of barber, to which pleasing request Mike graciously assented, and the young man's raven locks were soon scattered to the winds. There is somewhere on the Statute Book of Vermont a prohibitory liquor law. In compliance with the provisions of this law, there was no bar in this little corner room, which in the other less-advanced States would be called the bar-room. My curiosity, however, was excited by observing that one and all of my newly formed companions made frequent visits to a little room in the rear of the building, and on making further explorations I soon discovered the

cause of attraction, in the shape of a huge cupboard well stocked with the prohibited beverages. Here "brandy-smashes," "gin cocktails," "sherry-cobbles," and other equally fashionable and classical drinks were mixed up and disposed of with a dexterity and an alacrity which could only come of constant practice.

From the window at which I sat I could easily notice that I was regarded with suspicion. Finally, after frequent conferences and cogitations amongst themselves, a deputation of three entered the room and proceeded to catechise me respecting who and what I was. I sent them away no wiser than before, but much more suspicious. Next morning the landlord informed me that I had been taken for a spy of the Canadian Government, and then kindly proceeded to enlighten me upon the fate—a not very pleasant one—which awaited me had the "Brethren" been able to find any evidence that I was a minion of the hated Saxon; which observations confirmed me in the belief that there was something in that neighborhood to be spied out.

On my return to St. Albans on Monday morning, I had the good fortune to meet with two genuine, bona fide Fenian officers—"Colonel" Brennan and "Captain" Grisoll, of New York city. The "Colonel," it appears, is an active member of the "Brotherhood." He it was who superintended the removal of the arms from St. Albans, first having obtained the required security from some of the wealthy brethren of Troy and New York. He talked with me for some time (not being aware I was a Canadian), and spoke confidently of the ultimate success of an attack upon Canada. He remarked that the seizure of their arms by the United States authorities, at the time of the last raid, was a great blow to them, and that they were going to avoid this time, and in this way: The arms that were taken from St. Albans were now scattered throughout the Irish portions of the State, and it was impossible (he laid particular stress upon this point) for the Government to find out where they were. The country is hilly, and there are plenty of places of concealment; "and," added he, "the boys out there would think nothing of letting daylight through any man who would venture there as a spy endeavoring to find out the whereabouts of the arms." This was refreshing news to me, who had just returned from that delectable region. "Besides," he observed, "if the Government should discover one place of concealment, they would only find some half-a-dozen arms there." In short, the effect of his remarks was that they had now regained possession of their arms, and it was an impossibility for the Government to recover them, or should they be used unlawfully, to recover the amount of the securities; simply because it would be impossible for that point to be proved, seeing that the Government had lost track of the whereabouts of the arms. The Colonel flattered himself that they would experience no trouble from the U. S. authorities this time. Last time they were too reckless, and took no trouble to evade the Government. On this occasion (he spoke of a raid as certain) they intended to take a different course. They would keep out of the United States' authorities as much as possible, and he believed the authorities could not go much out of their way to interfere. He was of opinion, also, that the officers of the army were favorably disposed towards the Fenians, and would carry out any orders that might be issued against them with as much leniency as possible. The above was simply the purport of the "Colonel's" remarks, though he spoke in more cautious and guarded terms. He further assured me that the arms which had been removed from St. Albans were available for use when wanted. He was of opinion that the Canadians were pretty badly scared, but had no doubt that when cornered they would show fight. He organized a strong circle, so he said, in some part of Fairfield County yesterday (Sunday); and intends to hold a secret meeting of the brethren in this town to-night. To-morrow morning he leaves for Malone. He is a young man—about thirty, I should say—of medium size, well-built, intelligent, energetic and earnest, and has quite a gentlemanly and soldierly-like appearance. His companion, "Captain" Grisoll, is also a young man, very short of stature, and has the physiognomical signs of great determination and physical hardihood.

From all I can learn, the Fenians will be greatly disappointed if they expect, as "Colonel" Brennan says they do, that the United States' officers will be dilatory in executing orders against the Fenians. Major Gibson, commander of the forces at Boston, was at St. Albans the other day looking after Fenian movements; and Col. Powell, commander of the Garrison at Plattsburgh, I am informed, is keeping a sharp eye upon all their doings. However, I will probably be able to give you more reliable information on this point in my next letter. I have been informed on good authority, that Gen. Meade, being now relieved from his command in the South by the recent Amnesty Proclamation of the President, will be again appointed to the command of the Northern Frontier. Should this be the case, it is an earnest that the prompt means which were taken in 1866 will be repeated in 1868, should the Fenians be so foolish as to attempt another raid.

A few words before I close respecting the general sentiment of the people in this vicinity, as far as I have been able to learn. The Irish to a man, "sympathize" with the Fenian movement, but nothing more. It should be borne in mind, that at the time of the last raid not a single man from St. Albans or vicinity joined the ranks of the raiders; in the event of another raid there is less probability now of the "army of liberation" receiving any recruits from this quarter. The real fighting men among the Fenians can only be found in the cities and large towns—men who have nothing to lose in their own country, and whose natural instincts would lead them to prefer a marauding life. If the Fenians really intend a raid their plan of operations seems to be something of this nature. Squads of a half-a-dozen or a dozen men without arms will be sent by rail to stations near the frontier, from which they will quietly betake themselves to the country. Being among friends there they will collect together, and, after being supplied with the arms and provisions which are supposed to be secreted there, will make a dash over the border. By this means they hope to elude the vigilance of the

American authorities. The better class of Americans heartily detest Fenianism, and would rejoice to see it crushed out; but the majority are indifferent about the matter. They feel a little sore over the St. Albans raid, and would look upon a raid on Canada as a piece of retributive justice. But, beyond this feeling, they have no sympathy with the Fenian movement, and would support their Government in any steps they might take to suppress an actual raid. They all refer with pride to the prompt measures taken by their Government in 1866, and evidently expect the same steps to be taken in the event of another raid. The Fenians—I mean the few of those who reason about the matter—do not expect success from their own unaided efforts, but their hope lies in bringing on a war between the two countries. They also expect to derive considerable support in the shape of money from needy politicians, whose political existence may depend on Fenian votes. Indeed, it is the opinion of some intelligent Americans that all this preparation for a supposed attack on Canada is only a huge swindling operation, to draw money into the Fenian coffers during the coming political campaign. I have never met with a single American, however much he might be disposed to wink at Fenianism, who for one moment supposed that it would ever lead to a war with Britain. Complaints of heavy taxation are heard on every side, and a war with Britain would be as much deplored by the people here as on the Canadian side. The prevailing feeling among Americans seems to be that all the difficult questions between the two Governments will be amicably settled. A war is neither desired nor expected, much less a war on account of Fenianism.

THE New York Sun says that Hon. Robert J. Walker wrote the resolutions adopted by the Democratic Convention, which accounts for the platform being so short.

The Montpelier Argus last week made a great deal of capital out of the card of Capt. Smith, of this place, in which the latter declined to act as one of the executive Committee of our sleepy Grant Club. The Argus jumped at the conclusion that the gallant Captain thereby repudiated the Republican ticket. Never was a conclusion more erroneous. While Capt. Smith does not propose to be bound by any election to hold any Rip Van Winkle office, he will, we think we may safely assure the Argus, vote for Grant and Colfax in the coming election; but not because of any such Grant club as has gestated and is now teething here.

Pleased with the Nominations.

The New York Sun published the following as telegraphic despatches received too late to be read at the ratification meeting held in New York on Friday, to endorse the nomination of Seymour and Blair. When the fact is remembered that Mr. Blair kept a barrel of whiskey in his committee room, while a member of Congress, the allusion to his temperance principles will be duly appreciated.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, Washington, July 10, 1868.

Hon. August Belmont, Chairman Democratic National Committee:

The country is safe, and so are the five-twentieths. They will be paid in greenbacks according to the contract, while the taxation of the bonds will strengthen the confidence of capitalists and enhance their market value in all the great commercial centres of the world.

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The principles of the platform are such as I have ever cherished and labored for, as the guiding star of my political existence. God and Liberty!

S. P. C.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, July 10, 1868.

To Charles W. Wooley, Esq., New York:

The platform is sound, but too brief. The Constitution is vindicated, and impeachment rebuked. I ought to have received something from the Convention more substantial than loud cheers. I have held every office from Alderman of Greenville up to the President of the United States, and know what will pay. The distinctive greatness of the Constitution of the United States is, that under its blessed provisions the humblest plebeian may become President by honesty, sobriety, and strict attention to business. All men were created free and equal, and endowed with the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Nelson mismanaged my case, or I would have been nominated; so say all who either want me to give them office or support their claims for losses incurred during the war. But the Convention nominated the next best man to myself, except Doolittle and Chase. I am glad Blair is on the ticket, for it disposes of one of the family, at least till after the election. Advise him not to swing round the circle during the canvass. He will be beset with temptations. See Shook, and send on your bill. Will add more by letter. Robertson county whiskey beats Old Rye and Bourbon both.

THE CIRCUS AT RICHFORD.—The Sentinel says:

Stone & Murray's Circus gave an entertainment hereon Thursday afternoon and evening to a large audience. The entertainment was a good one and all appeared satisfied. An unfortunate affray occurred in the evening, near the close of the performance the original cause of which, we are informed, was whiskey. As far as we can learn, the circumstances were as follows:—A negro minstrel performance was given after the close of the performance, and those who remained to see it were required to pur-

chase tickets. One man, who was probably under the influence of liquor, refused to leave the tent, although he had not purchased a ticket. He was put out, and he then, in company with several others, made an attack on the tent with sticks and stones. The circus hands were not slow in retaliating, and with the aid of clubs soon put the assailants to flight, and not content with driving them off, they followed the unfortunate men up and punished them mercilessly. Marshall Bliss of this town had his skull fractured by a blow from a club, and he lies in a dangerous condition. Others were badly hurt. Some of the circus hands were arrested, but as nothing could be proved against them, they were released.

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Assembly Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application for an act laying a tax upon the County of Franklin for the purpose of paying the indebtedness of said County will be made at the next Session of the General Assembly of Vermont, in October, 1868.

In order that the amount of such indebtedness may be ascertained, all persons having claims upon the County of Franklin are requested to present them at St. Albans to Cyrus N. Bishop, County Treasurer, on or before the second Tuesday of September next.

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